



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status

Attorney Docket No:
A20-012-01-US

Application Serial Number: 09/866,138	Filing Date: May 25, 2001	Examiner: Pedder, Dennis H.	Group Art Unit: 3612
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Invention: **TONNEAU COVER TENSION ADJUSTER APPARATUS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23	MINUS	32	0	\$9	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	9	MINUS	10	0	\$42	\$ 0

 X Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 11, 2003 to and through August 11, 2003 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

 X one month (\$55) three months (\$460)
 two months (\$200) four months (\$720)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

- X Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been claimed.
- X An unsigned Declaration by Applicant is enclosed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- X A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the extension fee is attached.
- X Please charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4300

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Dear Sir:

The Office Communications mailed November 6, 2002, June 11, 2003 and July 16, 2003, have been carefully read and considered.

To address issues raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action for the application, please enter the following amendments:

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